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House Resolution 177

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup> and Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Commending the life and work of the Honorable Clayton Neely, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Honorable Clayton Neely, Jr., was born on December 31, 1937, the son of
- 3 Clayton and Marie Pryor Neely; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was united in wedlock to Turetha Davis, and the couple have six children,
- 5 Penelope Thomson, Clayton Barnard Neely, Sharon Denise Neely, Carl Michael Neely,
- 6 Aundria Catrice Gilchrist, and Roshanda Neely, and also ten grandchildren and five
- 7 great-grandchildren; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he is a member of Thomson Springfield AME Church where he is chairman pro
- 9 tempore of the steward board, and he was instrumental in securing bricks to build the new
- 10 church and served as supervisor of the construction; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was employed by Boral Bricks for 43 years and Keysville Nursing Home for
- three years; and
- WHEREAS, as a member of Keysville Concerned Citizens, he worked tirelessly in the fight
- 14 to reactivate the city charter, traveling with his wife and two of their children to meetings and
- 15 court hearings, and served as unofficial bodyguard to leaders of the struggle who had
- 16 received threats, especially Representative Tyrone Brooks; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Keysville City Council in 1988 and has served
- 18 continuously in that capacity to the present, and after the city charter was reactivated, he and
- 19 fellow Keysville Concerned Citizens member Mr. Quinten Gresham, Sr., often provided
- 20 monetary assistance when the fledgling government faced financial challenges; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he has always been willing to volunteer his time to better the quality of life of
- 22 citizens of Keysville, the State of Georgia, the United States, and the world; and

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1 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this great man be recognized and commended

- 2 for his many contributions to his community.
- 3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 4 the members of this body commend the Honorable Clayton Neely, Jr.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Clayton
- 7 Neely, Jr.